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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 711
By Trail

A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. Miranda McFarland for her exemplary service as a legislative intern for Senator Larry Trail during the 2002 legislative session.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Miranda McFarland is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Larry Trail; Miranda's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Senator Trail as well as Legislative Assistant Craig Dulniak and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarland is a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded not only by her peers, but by the faculty and administration as well; Miranda has achieved estimable academic success while majoring in Political Science with a Pre-Law concentration and a minor in Psychology; prior to matriculating at MTSU, she earned an Associate's Degree at Volunteer State Community College; and

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WHEREAS, a native of Oklahoma and the daughter of Mike and Donna McFarland, she moved along with her family to Tennessee as a youth and graduated from Mt. Juliet High School in 1998; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. McFarland brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 legislative session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Miranda has experienced many facets of the General Assembly including committee meetings, sub-committee meetings, Senate floor sessions, and legislative receptions; and

WHEREAS, she nobly volunteered to help raise over \$600 to benefit Great Strides, an organization working to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarland tirelessly compiled the proper bills, bill summaries, fiscal notes, and amendments for committee meetings and floor sessions, despite several changes in the requested order and filing system in each appropriate Expand-O-File; and

WHEREAS, she has always exhibited the proper appreciation for any food that was given freely to the legislators, staff, and interns; and

WHEREAS, she had the opportunity to make the acquaintance of numerous outstanding Tennesseans such as Andy Daniels, Bob Baldridge, and Patrick Smith, as well as enjoying the camaraderie of her fellow interns, staff, and members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Miranda persistently demonstrated mental and physical strength throughout the course of the internship, both in the office and at home; and

WHEREAS, she will continue to celebrate the life of Sean Thomas Prentiss; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2002 legislative session, Miranda McFarland has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; recognized as a leader

among her elite peers in the Intern Class of 2002, she was appointed Press Secretary by Intern Governor George Bratcher; and

WHEREAS, she was also afforded those once in a lifetime opportunities that only an Intern with the General Assembly can enjoy, including an excursion to the Tennessee State Prison, presentations by numerous qualified speakers at the regular Friday intern meetings, several receptions attended by prominent Tennesseans, and a complimentary chair massage, courtesy of the Association of Massage Therapists; and

WHEREAS, her outstanding work and tremendous dedication will stand her in good stead as she begins her final semesters at MTSU before completing her Bachelor of Science and her eventual pursuit of public office; and

WHEREAS, Miranda has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and congratulate Miranda McFarland on her outstanding service as the esteemed intern to Senator Larry Trail and express to her our deepest appreciation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Miranda every good thing in life and success in all her future efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.